AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 9, 14, and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-13, 15, and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a ~~dependent~~ media track, the ~~dependent~~ media track comprising a sequence of ~~dependent~~ media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements ~~for source media items in a source media track, wherein the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time~~ referencing at least one media item; ~~and~~

associating at least one track control attribute in an EDL element in the sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence;

generating ~~a dependent media item in~~ the ~~dependent~~ media track in accordance with the sequence of EDL elements, the track control ~~attributes~~ attribute, and another ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track; and

upon the sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL

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element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2 1, wherein the re-arranging step comprises deletion of at least one of the EDL elements.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein commencement of the dependent media track is started in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein termination of the dependent media track is terminated in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the dependent media track is a graphical overlay that is copied from a template which is referenced by one of the a track control attribute of the at least one track control attributes attribute.

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9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track comprises a copy of ~~the~~ a source media item[[,]] in ~~the~~ a source media track, which is referenced by ~~a track control attribute associated with~~ an EDL element in the sequence of <u>the</u> EDL elements.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~a~~ <u>the</u> copy of the source media item ~~is transformed to form~~ <u>forms</u> the ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the track control attribute comprises one of <u>(a)</u> an attribute to activate a ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track and <u>(b)</u> an attribute to deactivate the ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a ~~dependent~~ media track, the ~~dependent~~ media track comprising a sequence of ~~dependent~~ media items, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements ~~for source~~ <u>referencing at least one</u> media ~~items in a source media track, wherein the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time~~ <u>item</u>; ~~and~~

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means for associating at least one track control attribute in an EDL element in the sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence; and

means for generating ~~a dependent~~ the media ~~item in the dependent media track~~ in track in accordance with the sequence of EDL elements, the track control ~~attributes~~ attribute, and another ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track;

means for, upon the sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable disk or storage device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a method for generating a ~~dependent~~ media track, the ~~dependent~~ media track comprising a sequence of ~~dependent~~ media items, said method comprising the steps of:

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arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements ~~for source media items in a~~ ~~source media track, wherein the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are~~ ~~independent of time~~ referencing at least one media item; ~~and~~

associating at least one track control attribute in an EDL element in the sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence:

generating ~~a dependent media item in~~ the ~~dependent~~ media track in accordance with the sequence of EDL elements, the track control ~~attributes~~ attribute, and another ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track:

upon the sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence.

16 -17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a ~~source~~ media track, the ~~source~~ media track comprising a sequence of ~~source~~ media items, ~~and a dependent media track,~~ ~~the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items,~~ the ~~dependent~~ media track being formed by a method comprising the steps of:

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arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements, ~~wherein the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time; and~~ referencing at least one media item:

associating at least one track control attribute in an EDL element in the sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence;

generating ~~a dependent media item in~~ the ~~dependent~~ media track in accordance with the sequence of EDL elements, the track control ~~attributes~~ attribute and another ~~dependent~~ media item in the ~~dependent~~ media track: and

upon the sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements: and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior of a media item referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence.